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Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **HB 960** HLS 12RS 1438

Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action: **w/ SEN COMM AMD**

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

Date: May 7, 2012	12:10 PM	Author: JOHNSON
Dept./Agy.: Court Costs		
Subject: 12th JDC and 22nd JDC		Analyst: Steven Kraemer

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Authorizes additional court costs for criminal matters in the 12th Judicial District Court and the 22nd Judicial District Court

Purpose of Bill: This measure requires the 12th Judicial District Court (Avoyelles Parish) to assess a \$7.50 court cost on certain criminal defendants and a \$10 fee on civil filings. Funds derived from these costs are to be used by the Avoyelles Parish Sheriff’s Office to defray the cost of providing security and bailiffs to the court. In addition, this measure authorizes the 22nd Judicial District Court (parishes of Washington and St. Tammany) to assess a court cost not to exceed \$50 on certain criminal defendants to be used to defray the costs of the court.

R.S. 13:62.B requires these court costs to be reviewed and recommended to the legislature by the Judicial Council prior to being enacted. The Judicial Council reviewed and provided a recommendation to the legislature for court cost provided for the 12th Judicial District Court. However, we were unable to determine whether the Judicial Council reviewed the court cost provided for the 22nd Judicial District Court.

EXPENDITURES	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Annual Total						

REVENUES	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this bill.

We are assuming that revenues will be used to defray existing expenditures.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

This bill may increase local governmental revenues by up to approximately \$979,500 per year.

22nd JDC: Based on information from the 22nd Judicial District Court, this bill could cause a **maximum** increase of court revenue by up to approximately \$942,700 per year (18,854 offenses x \$50 per offense). However, an official from the court indicated that this bill would likely increase revenue by approximately \$226,200 per year (18,854 offenses x \$12 per offense), as the official expects the court to impose less than the \$50 maximum court cost authorized by this bill.

12th JDC/Avoyelles Parish Sheriff: Based on information obtained from the Avoyelles Parish Sheriff’s Office, this bill may increase the revenue of the sheriff’s office by approximately \$36,800 per year (\$14,600 from criminal defendants; \$22,200 from civil filings).

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

☐ 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}

☒ 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}

☐ 6.8(F)1 >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S}

☐ 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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